

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TORONT 01000 052021Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ACDA-12 TRSE-00 IO-14 AF-10 CIAE-00
DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05
PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 /093 W
-----078271 052026Z /45

R 051630Z JUN 78
FM AMCONSUL TORONTO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7313
INFM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
USMISSION USUN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
ICA WASHINGTON 0040

UNCLAS TORONTO 1000

BRUSSELS FOR USNATO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, NATO, UNDC, SOPN, CA
SUBJ: TORONTO STAR BELIEVES TRUDEAU "GRAND GESTURES" AT U.N.
AND NATO HARMING VALUE OF CANADA'S WORD

1. TORONTO STAR SECOND EDITORIAL JUNE 2 "TRUDEAU SIGNS --
BUT HE DOESN'T BELIEVE" ACCUSED PRIME MINISTER OF SERIES OF
"GRAND GESTURES" AT UN DISARMAMENT MEETING AND WASHINGTON
NATO CONFERENCE WHICH BRING INTO QUESTION NOT ONLY COHERENCE
OF CANADIAN DEFENCE POLICY BUT RAISE OBVIOUS QUESTIONS AMONG
CANADA'S ALLIES REGARDING VALUE OF CANADIAN WORD.

2. "THERE WE GO AGAIN, ON THE RICKETY TRUDEAU MERRY-GO-
ROUND. LAST WEEK, PRIME MINISTER PIERRE TRUDEAU TOLD THE
UNITED NATIONS SESSION ON DISARMEMENT THAT CANADIANS PLANES
WILL CEASE TO CARRY NUCLEAR MISSILES. THIS GRAND GESTURE
WAS EASY TO MAKE SINCE WE ALWAYS HAVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE,
ARMED WITH THESE WEAPONS, TO PROTECT US. THIS WEEK, WE GOT
MORE GRAND GESTURES. CANADA, TRUDEAU TOLD OUR NATO ALLIES
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TORONT 01000 052021Z

IN WASHINGTON, WILL NEVER BUT NEVER TAKE PART IN ANY
'AFRICAN ADVENTURES'. THAT WAS A NOBLE CONTRI-
BUTION TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN AFRICA - EXCEPT THAT
NO ONE HAS EVER SUGGESTED THAT WE INTERVENE ON THAT
CONTINENT." AFTER COMMENTING ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S
SIGNING A NATO AGREEMENT INCREASING DEFENCES, THE
EDITORIAL CONTINUED "HIS BEHAVIOR, HOWEVER, HAS ALSO

SHAKEN THE FAITH OF OUR ALLIES. TYPICAL IS THE EDITORIAL IN THE WASHINGTON POST, ONE OF THE MOST SOBER OF U.S. NEWSPAPERS, SUGGESTING THAT WE HAVE BECOME AN UNCERTAIN PARTNER IN A DEFENCE PACT." THE STAR CONTINUED BY DISMISSING THE TRUDEAU/CALLAGHAN APPROACH TO AFRICA AND "EXTERNAL POWERS", AND THEN OBSERVED THAT TRUDEAU'S FORMER "ONENESS OF THE WORLD" IS NOW CHANGED TO THE EXTENT THAT GLOBE IS BROKEN INTO SEGMENTS AND "WHAT HAPPENS OUT OF OUR PASTURE IS NOT REALLY OUR BUSINESS." THE STAR REGRETTED THAT SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS AND EVEN THE PRESS "NOW ARGUE THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT MANANCE US IN EUROPE. PROBABLY TRUE, FOR MOSCOW WILL ALQAYS BE WORRIED ABOUT THE U.S., BRITISH AND FRENCH NUCLEAR DETERRENTS."

3. "AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE RUSSIANS, WHO ONCE SCREAMED 'AGGRESSIONJ AT THE U.S. BLOODY ADVENTURE IN VIET NAM, ARE NOW ENGAGED IN THEIR OWN BLOODY ADVENTURE IN MANY KEY SPOTS ON THE AFRICAN MAP. TRUDEAU NEVER THOUGHT MUCH OF THE WAR IN VIET NAM. BUT NOW, IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, ALL HE CAN SAY IS THAT WE ARE EXCESSI- VELY CONCERNED WITH THE SOVIET THREAT IN EUROPE AND ALSO THAT WE SHOULD REMAIN UNCONCERNED ABOUT ANY SUCH CRISIS AREA AS AFRICA."

4. "THERE IS YET ONE MORE POINT TO MAKE. TRUDEAU
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TORONT 01000 052021Z

THE 'DOVE' HAS FORMALLY AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE UNDER A NAHO AGREEMENT TO INCREASE EXPENDITURES FOR DEFENCE. BUT, AS HE KNOWS WELL, THERE IS NO SUCH INTENTION IN OTTAWA, APART FROM WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN EARMARKED FOR MODERNIZING OUR ANTIQUE WEAPONRY. THERE IS NO THOUGHT WHATEVER OF INCREASING THE BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION FOR ARMS AND, NOT EVEN A BLUEPRINT FOR ANY SUCH ACTION IN THE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT. WITH A LIGHT HAND AND A LIGHT HEART, THUS, TRUDEAU HAS SIGNED A TREATY COMMITTING CANADA TO ACTIONS WHICH HE HIMSELF REGARDS AS UNNEEDED AND UNWANTED. IT IS UNNERVING PERFORMANCE - AND OUR ALLIES MIGHT WELL WONDER IF WE HAVE A COHERENT DEFENCE POLICYAND, MORE THAN THAT, IF OUR WORD MEANS ANYTHING."

5. COMMENT - THE TORONTO STAR IS CANADA'S LARGEST CIRCULATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER. WHILE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, IT IS FREQUENTLY DIS- PLEASED WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU. IT FEELS TRUDEAU IS NOT CONCERNED ENOUGH ABOUT ECONOMIC NATIONALISM, BUT ALSO FREQUENTLY EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING TRUDEAU'S POSTURSS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
CANTWELL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, DISARMAMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TORONT01000
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780234-1257
Format: TEL
From: TORONTO
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780694/aaaaddgo.tel
Line Count: 116
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c7286e91-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2484701
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TORONTO STAR BELIEVES TRUDEAU "GRAND GESTURES" AT U.N. AND NATO HARMING VALUE OF CANADA'S WORD
TAGS: PEPR, SOPN, CA, NATO, TORONTO STAR
To: STATE OTTAWA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c7286e91-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014